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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated October 14, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 16, 2006 (January 14, 2006 falling on a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending:

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